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In re Application of:

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#### INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith that is to be demonstrated before this Office, applicants submit a copy of each document cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following application:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/139,914 filed October 20, 1993, entitled Conformable Cube Corner Retroreflective Sheeting, now U.S. Patent No. 5,614,286 (patent date of March 25, 1997).

Technical Report No. 9077 cited on Form PTO-1449 includes analytical results for a product that was believed to be sold by Reflexite Corporation in the United Kingdom before the filing of the present application. It is believed that this product was sold in the United Kingdom in 1992. It is further believed that the product was brought into this country by a 3M employee around mid to late 1992 and was analyzed internally by a 3M laboratory between November 11, 1992 and May 4, 1993. The product appears to correspond to the article disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,264,063.

Technical Report No. 9078 cited on Form PTO-1449 includes analytical results for a product that was sold by Reflexite Corporation in the United Kingdom before the filing of the present application. It is believed that this product was sold in the United Kingdom before January of 1993. The product, it is believed, was brought into this country by a 3M employee in late 1992 and was analyzed internally by a 3M laboratory between January and May of 1993. The product also appears to correspond to the article disclosed in U.S. Patent 5,264,063.

Please contact the undersigned if the Examiner requests further information concerning this Information Disclosure Statement.

Dated this 14th day of March, 1997.

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